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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 12 November 2009 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): See below. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Election/Restrictions

2. Newly submitted claims 61-69 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:

3. The invention represented by the canceled claims and that represented by the new claims are directed to related inventions. The related inventions are distinct if: (1) the inventions as claimed are either not capable of use together or can have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect; (2) the inventions do not overlap in scope, i.e., are mutually exclusive; and (3) the inventions as claimed are not obvious variants. See MPEP § 806.05(j). In the instant case, the inventions as claimed are mutually exclusive. Furthermore, the inventions as claimed do not encompass overlapping subject matter and there is nothing of record to show them to be obvious variants.

4. The old claims required a single processor for each game – for a total of four processors. The new claims require a processor for each side that controls two games each. Clearly these are mutually exclusive. If Applicant wishes to stipulate that they are obvious variants, Examiner

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will withdraw this restriction. But at present, there is nothing on the record to indicate that these are obvious variants.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 61-69 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

5. Since entry of the amendment would mean that there are no claims in the case, the amendment will not be entered & will be considered non-responsive.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Corbett B. Coburn whose telephone number is (571) 272-4447. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on (571) 272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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